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# DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 20th Legislative Day on Friday, February 22 at 9:30 a.m.
- Five bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Rules Calendar

#### **HB 35 Sales and use tax; certain poultry diagnostic and disease monitoring services; create exemption**

Bill Summary: House Bill 35 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from state sales and use tax, by adding an exemption on sales tax for 501(c)(5) non-profit organizations which, as their primary purpose, provide poultry-related diagnostic and disease monitoring services.

**Authored By:** Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 160 Nays: 2

**Rule Applied:** Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

#### **HB 59 Education; military students enroll in public school based on official military orders prior to physically establishing residency; allow**

Bill Summary: House Bill 59 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-150 to allow parents or guardians on active duty in the military to pre-enroll a student when official military orders to transfer into or within the state of Georgia are received. Students will be eligible to enroll in the same manner and time as students residing within the local school system, in the public school of the attendance zone in which he or she will be residing, or in a public school in a school system in which the military base or off-base military housing is located.

**Authored By:** Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)  
**House Committee:** Education  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

#### **HB 130 State Board of Education; authorize the Georgia Foundation for Public Education to establish a nonprofit corporation to qualify as a public foundation; authorize**

Bill Summary: House Bill 130 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-14.1 as it relates to the 'Georgia Foundation for Public Education' to authorize the foundation to establish a nonprofit under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The creation of a nonprofit would allow the foundation to solicit and accept more funding to carry out its purpose for supporting educational excellence in public schools and at the Georgia Academy for the Blind, Georgia School for the Deaf, and Atlanta Area School for the Deaf.

**Authored By:** Rep. Randy Nix (69th)  
**House Committee:** Education  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 167 Nays: 1

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute  
**Amendments:**

**HB 160 Community Health, Department of; pilot program to provide coverage for bariatric surgical procedures; reinstate**

Bill Summary: House Bill 160 reinstates a four-year pilot program for 250 individuals, beginning January 1, 2020, to provide coverage for bariatric surgical procedures for the treatment and management of obesity and related conditions under the state health insurance plan.

The Department of Community Health (DCH) will partner with a postsecondary institution in Georgia for pilot program management, data collection, patient engagement, and other activities related to the pilot program, including benefits for medically-necessary bariatric procedures for participants selected for inclusion in the pilot program.

Eligible participants include people who elected coverage under a state health insurance plan and who meet other criteria established by the department. A governor-appointed panel shall review the results and outcomes of the pilot program beginning six months after the program initiation and shall conduct subsequent reviews every six months for the remainder of the pilot program. DCH shall provide a final report to the chairpersons of the House and Senate Health and Human Services committees and the House and Senate Appropriations committees by June 30, 2024.

**Authored By:** Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)  
**House** Health & Human Services  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 146 Nays: 20

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 02-12-2019 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**HB 183 Ad valorem tax; right to appeal for any taxpayer that fails to file a property tax return or whose property tax return was deemed returned; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 183 amends O.C.G.A. 48-5, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, by stating that the failure to return real property shall not affect the taxpayer's right to appeal.

**Authored By:** Rep. Brett Harrell (106th)  
**House** Ways & Means  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 165 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Structured  
**Committee** 02-14-2019 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**HB 186 Health; sale or lease of a hospital by a hospital authority; revise provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 186 ensures that the proceeds from the sale or lease of a hospital owned by a hospital authority or political subdivision of the state are put into an irrevocable trust and are only used to provide indigent health care. If certain conditions are met by the hospital authority or political subdivision, additional investment options are permitted.

**Authored By:** Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)  
**House** Governmental Affairs  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 1

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 02-13-2019 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute  
**Amendments:**

**HR 37 Georgia Commission on Freight and Logistics; create**

Bill Summary: House Resolution 37 creates the Georgia Commission on Freight and Logistics. The commission will be composed of 22 members:

- Three members of the House appointed by the speaker and three members of the Senate appointed by the lieutenant governor, including the chairs of the House and Senate Transportation committees;
- Six representatives of entities which provide freight and logistics services, possess expertise in the operations of a major airport hub, or lead a major commodity or major commodity shipper, major air shipping provider, or major manufacturing operation based in this state. Three of these industry representatives are appointed by the speaker and three by the lieutenant governor;
- Four members who each serve as a local government official, two appointed by the speaker and two appointed by the lieutenant governor;
- The executive director of the Georgia Municipal Association;
- The executive director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia;
- The president of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce;

- The president of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce;
- The commissioner of transportation, ex officio; and
- The executive director of the Georgia Ports Authority, ex officio.

The charge of the commission is to study and determine the best course of action with regard to funding and policy development relating to freight and logistics to ensure growth and support of this industry.

**Authored By:** Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th)  
**House Committee:** Transportation  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 169 Nays: 1  
**Floor Action:** Adopted (Resolution)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute  
**Amendments:**

## Postponed Until Next Legislative Day

### HB 85 Sales and use tax; organ procurement organizations; exempt sales

Bill Summary: House Bill 85 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, by including an exemption for organ procurement organizations. Each organ procurement organization is required to submit an annual report to the Department of Community Health, which includes the number of donors and transplants facilitated by the organization in the prior fiscal year.

**Authored By:** Rep. Penny Houston (170th)

**Rule Applied:** Structured

## **Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules**

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 20th Legislative Day, Friday, February 22, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.*

### **HB 99 Insurance; provide for modernization and updates**

Bill Summary: House Bill 99 updates and modernizes Title 33, relating to insurance, by removing repetitive language, expired deadlines, and expired sections.

**Authored By:** Rep. Richard Smith (134th)  
**House Committee:** Insurance

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### **HB 167 Insurance; employees of licensed property and casualty insurers to adjust residential property insurance claims of \$1,000.00 or less without obtaining an adjuster license; allow**

Bill Summary: House Bill 167 allows employees of licensed property and casualty insurers to adjust residential property insurance claims of \$1,000 or less without obtaining an adjuster license.

**Authored By:** Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd)  
**House Committee:** Insurance

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass

### **HB 225 Motor vehicles; reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles and carriers; update**

Bill Summary: House Bill 225 is the annual update to the 'Uniform Carriers Act.' It updates the effective date from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019 to comply with federal law.

**Authored By:** Rep. Bonnie Rich (97th)  
**House Committee:** Motor Vehicles

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2019 Do Pass

### **HB 246 Evidence; revise manner by which depositions taken at the instance of state are paid**

Bill Summary: HB 246 codifies the current standard practice that the state cover the cost of depositions when the depositions are insisted upon by the state, in the same manner as any other motion hearing that is on a criminal calendar.

**Authored By:** Rep. Deborah Silcox (52nd)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2019 Do Pass

## **Committee Actions**

*Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.*

### **Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee**

#### **HB 332 Agriculture; service of the Commissioner of Agriculture and the president of the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation as ex officio members; revise provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 332 allows for the commissioner of Agriculture and the president of the Georgia Farm Bureau to each appoint a designee to serve on agricultural commodity commissions, except for the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Peanuts.

**Authored By:** Rep. Steven Meeks (178th)  
**House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs

**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass

## Economic Development & Tourism Committee

### HB 244 Electric membership corporations; comply with certain requirements in determining the rates for attachments to utility poles by communications service providers; require

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 244 states an electric membership corporation (EMC) shall not charge a pole attachment rate higher than the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rate to a communications service provider. EMCs must establish nondiscriminatory, competitively neutral, and commercially reasonable terms and conditions for attachments, which shall comply with federal code and FCC regulations. Lastly, they may not require a provider to comply with utility pole attachment specifications that exceed the specifications in the National Electrical Safety Code, applicable fire codes, and any building code or similar code.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Economic Development & Tourism	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### HR 214 House Rural Development Council; reauthorize

**Bill Summary:** HR 214 reauthorizes the House Rural Development Council (RDC) for two more years. The RDC shall be composed of 15 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House, with two members to be designated as co-chairpersons. The RDC shall be authorized to begin meeting in different rural locations within the state beginning on April 1, 2019. The co-chairpersons shall file two reports of findings and recommendations, one no later than December 31, 2019 and the second prior to December 31, 2020. The RDC shall be abolished on December 31, 2020.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Economic Development & Tourism	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass

## Education Committee

### HB 68 Education; prohibit certain entities from being student scholarship organizations

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 68 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2A-2.1 by limiting the type of entity which can be a student scholarship organization. No entity which provides accreditation of elementary or secondary schools or is affiliated with an accreditation entity is eligible to be a student scholarship organization under this Code section.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. John Carson (46th)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Education	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass

## Governmental Affairs Committee

### HB 284 Cobb County; Magistrate Court chief judge; provide nonpartisan elections

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 284 specifies that elections for the office of chief judge of the Magistrate Court of Cobb County will be nonpartisan elections. The bill will not impact the current term of the sitting chief judge of the Magistrate Court of Cobb County, but will apply in all elections following.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. John Carson (46th)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Governmental Affairs	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass

**HB 285 Cobb County; probate judge; provide nonpartisan elections**

Bill Summary: House Bill 285 specifies that elections for the office of probate judge of Cobb County will be nonpartisan elections. The bill will not impact the current term of the sitting probate judge of Cobb County, but will apply in all elections following.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Carson (46th)  
**House** Governmental Affairs  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**HB 316 Elections; definitions; provide for uniform equipment and ballot marking devices**

Bill Summary: House Bill 316 impacts several Code chapters and sections relating to elections and provides a new voting system for the state. Section 2 of the bill removes "direct recording electronic (DRE)" in the description of the voting systems used by the state.

Section 3 adds a new Code section which establishes that an independent candidate for president or vice president must file with the Georgia secretary of state a slate of candidates for the office of presidential elector, no later than the Friday before qualifying begins.

Section 4 replaces "notice of candidacy" with "nomination petition" for what a presidential elector nominee must submit with a certified copy of the minutes of a convention.

Section 5 prohibits a person from voting if they are not at least 18 years of age on or before the election date.

Section 6 provides that if a person's registration application information does not match the information on file with the Department of Driver Services or the federal Social Security Administration, the applicant is still considered registered to vote but will be required to provide proof of their identity the first time that they request a ballot for any federal, state, or local election.

Section 7 permits the secretary of state to become a member of an information-sharing nongovernmental entity in order to improve the accuracy of voter registration systems. The Department of Driver Services will provide driver's license and identification card information to the secretary of state in order to exchange voter registration information with the nongovernmental entity.

Section 8 removes a reference to a DRE unit from a provision regarding challenging a person on a list of electors.

Section 9 directs the secretary of state to send a list of persons convicted of a felony in this state and a list of persons convicted of a felony in federal court to the appropriate county board of registrars. The county board of registrars will mail a notice to each listed person notifying them of their removal from the list of electors, allowing a 30-day time period for the recipient to request a hearing on the removal.

Section 10 requires that when an elector moves to a new state and the registration officials of that state send notice of cancellation, a confirmation notice must be sent to the elector unless an elector-signed copy of the elector's new voter registration application is included with the notice of cancellation.

Section 11 adds "not using an absentee ballot" to the list of reasons an elector can be labeled "no contact." When assessing if an elector is "no contact," the time period is changed from three to five years of inactivity.

Section 12 requires that an elector will remain on the inactive list of electors until the day after the second general election that takes place while they are on the list. After that time, if no contact is made, the elector will be removed from the list. Between 30 and 60 days prior to the elector's removal from the list, notice must be sent to notify the elector.

Sections 13 and 14 require the superintendent to provide 30-days' notice of a precinct alteration; such notice shall also be submitted to the secretary of state. Unless there is an emergency, a polling place cannot be changed: on the day of a primary, election, or runoff; during the 60-day period prior to a general primary or general election; or during the 30 days prior to a special primary or special election.

Section 15 adds "or electronic ballot markers" to every reference of DRE voting units in subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-267.

Section 16 provides that the secretary of state will prescribe the design of the ballots printed by an electronic ballot marker to ensure ease of reading by electors.

Section 17 adds "or electronic ballot markers" to every reference to DRE voting equipment in Code Section 21-2-293.

Section 18 establishes that as soon as possible, all federal, state, and county elections in the State of Georgia will be conducted with the use of scanning ballots marked by electronic ballot markers and tabulated by using ballot scanners. Additionally, the electronic ballot markers must produce paper ballots which are marked with the elector's choices in a format that is readable by the elector. The state will furnish uniform equipment for each county. Counties may acquire additional equipment of the same type at their own expense. Municipalities may acquire their own voting equipment of the same type at their own expense.

Section 19 replaces "An optical scanning tabulator" with a "ballot scanner" in paragraph (5) of Code Section 21-2-365.

Section 20 requires that there must be one voting booth or enclosure for every 250 electors in precincts which use optical scanning voting systems.

Section 21 replaces "optical scanner" with "ballot scanner" in subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-369.

Section 22 requires that ballots must be of a suitable design and construction to allow processing by a ballot scanner.

Sections 23 and 24 replace "tabulator" and "optical scanning tabulator" with "ballot scanner" in two different Code Sections.

Section 25 replaces "optical scanning tabulator" with "ballot scanner" in Code Section 21-2-377.

Section 26 adds a new Part to Title 21 Article 9 relating to voting machines. Each polling place which uses optical scanning voting systems must have at least one electronic ballot marker that is accessible to disabled individuals. Electronic ballot markers must not be used unless they meet a list of standard requirements. Provides specific guidelines for the appearance and information included on a ballot printed by an electronic ballot marker. The paper ballot printed by the electronic ballot marker will be considered the official ballot and will be used in any recount or audit conducted after the election. The secretary of state will examine and certify electronic ballot markers before they are used in an election. Any 10 or more electors of this state may request the secretary of state to reexamine a device that was previously examined and approved. If a vendor sells an electronic ballot marker that has not been approved by the secretary of state, they will be subject to a penalty of \$100,000. The superintendent of each county or municipality will ensure the following: that the proper ballot is programmed for each electronic ballot marker, each device is in proper working order, and that each device is examined and verified before being sent to a polling place for an election. The superintendent may appoint a custodian and deputy custodians of the electronic ballot markers who are responsible for preparing the devices for election. On or before the third day preceding an election, the superintendent will test each electronic ballot marker to ensure proper working order. These tests are open to the public and must be noticed at least five days prior. When the electronic ballot markers are not in use, the superintendent is responsible for their safe storage.

Section 27 allows absentee ballots to be sent to an address other than the permanent mailing address if the elector is in jail in the county or municipality. It removes a reference to a DRE voting system. An absentee ballot application will not be rejected due to lack of signature matching. If the signature on file does not match with the signature on the application, the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk will send a provisional absentee ballot, along with instructions on how to correct the signature discrepancy. If the ballot is returned prior to the closing of the polls on the day of the election and the signature discrepancy is corrected before the end of the period for verifying provisional ballots, the provisional ballot will be counted. If the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk does not find the signature discrepancy corrected, the ballot will be rejected.

Section 28 adds polling places to the list of places that can serve as registrar's offices or places to receive absentee ballots.

Section 29 provides that in jurisdictions where electronic ballot markers are used on election day, the electronic ballot markers will be used to cast absentee ballots in person at a registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office.

Section 30 removes references to an elector's residence address and year of birth on the oath of the elector which accompanies the absentee ballot that is mailed to the elector. The Oath of Person Assisting Elector is amended so that the person providing assistance does not list their relationship to the elector. The addition of the signer's printed name is added to both oaths. Additionally, language is removed from the Oath of Person Assisting Elector which prohibits a person from assisting more than 10 electors in any election. It replaces "42 U.S.C. Section 1973ff" with "52 U.S.C. Section 20302" in two places regarding the transmission of absentee ballots to members of the military.

Section 31 provides that the absentee ballot of a disabled elector may be mailed or delivered by a relative or a caregiver. The absentee ballot of an elector in jail may be mailed or delivered by a jail employee. A disabled or illiterate elector may receive ballot assistance from any person of their choice other than the following: the elector's employer; the elector's union representative; a candidate on the ballot; or a relative of a candidate on the ballot. The section removes the prohibition of a person assisting more than 10 electors in any one election. The time period for early voting for a runoff election is set as no later than the second Monday immediately prior to the runoff.

Section 32 requires that if an absentee ballot is rejected, the elector must be notified and is given until the end of the period for verifying provisional ballots to address the problem that resulted in ballot rejection. If the elector cures the issues before the end of the time period, the ballot will be approved by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk and counted. If an absentee ballot is submitted without identification verification, the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk must promptly notify the elector and provide instructions on addressing the issue. The ballot will be considered provisional until the issue is addressed, at which time it will be counted.

Section 33 replaces "42 U.S.C. Section 1973ff" with "52 U.S.C. Section 20302" regarding a pilot program developed by the secretary of state for the electronic transmission of absentee ballots by members of the military. The secretary of state is authorized to develop a similar pilot program for the electronic transmission of absentee ballots by disabled electors.

Section 34 provides that if an absentee voter has not yet returned their ballot, they can have their absentee ballot canceled and vote in person on election day. If the absentee ballot is not surrendered to the poll manager, the elector must destroy the ballot after casting his or her vote in person.

Section 35 provides that any elector who is entitled to receive voting assistance in any election may receive assistance from any person of the elector's choice, other than the following: the elector's employer; the elector's union representative; a candidate on the ballot; or a relative of a candidate on the ballot. Notice of the availability of assistance must be prominently posted at each polling place.



Section 36 adds "electronic ballot marker" to references to other types of voting machines in Code Section 21-2-413.

Section 37 provides that a Georgia voter identification card will remain valid as long as the elector resides in the same county. If the elector moves to a new county, the voter identification card must be surrendered to the board of registrars in the new county of residence.

Section 38 requires that as soon as possible after a provisional ballot is cast, the election superintendent must notify the secretary of state with all pertinent information regarding the provisional ballot.

Section 39 requires that when reviewing provisional ballots, the board of registrars must make a good faith effort to determine if the ballot is valid. This section expounds on what a "good faith effort" means. As soon as possible after a determination is made regarding a provisional ballot, the board of registrars must notify the impacted electors.

Section 40 replaces "optical scanners" with "ballot scanners" in Code Section 21-2-482.

Section 41 requires that the superintendent must certify election returns no later than 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday following the election. The secretary of state may extend the time limit if necessary to complete a precertification audit.

Section 42 provides that when the difference in votes received by the declared winner and one or more other candidates is less than one-half of one percent of the total votes cast, the losing candidate has two business days from the time of certification to request, in writing, a recount. When the difference in votes for approval or rejection of a constitutional amendment is less than one-half of one percent of the total votes cast, the Constitutional Amendments Publication Board has two business days from the time of certification to request a recount. The State Election Board is authorized to regulate and administer such recounts.

Section 43 requires that as soon as possible, the local election superintendents will conduct precertification audits for any federal or state general election, based on requirements set by the State Election Board. The audit must be completed prior to the final certification of results and the results must be available to the public within 48 hours of completion. The secretary of state must conduct a risk-limiting audit pilot program by December 31, 2021.

Section 44 increases the amount of time that the secretary of state and governor are given to certify the votes for presidential electors by three days.

The remaining sections provide continuity. Section 45 adds "electronic ballot marker" to the list of items that a person is prohibited from tampering with, and Section 46 includes "electronic ballot marker" as a type of voting equipment in the list of unauthorized uses of voting equipment that are considered misdemeanors. Section 47 adds "electronic ballot marker or tabulating machine" to several references to a "voting machine" in Code Section 21-2-580. Section 48 includes "electronic ballot marker" as a type of voting equipment in a Code Section relating to tampering with or damaging voting equipment. Section 49 includes "electronic ballot marker" as part of the definition of "voting equipment." Section 50 adds "electronic ballot marker" to the list of items that a poll worker is prohibited from tampering with.

**Authored By:** Rep. Barry Fleming (121st)  
**House** Governmental Affairs  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

## **HB 322 Local government; advertisement of certain bid or proposal opportunities; change provisions**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 322 provides that if a bid or proposal opportunity is extended by a county, municipal corporation, or local board of education valued at \$100,000 or more, the bid must be advertised in the same way and for the same period of time that the local government entity would normally advertise a bid or proposal. A governmental entity must publicly advertise a

contract opportunity on the Georgia Procurement Registry for at least four weeks.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Tom McCall (33rd)	<b>Committee</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Governmental Affairs	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>			

## **Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee**

### **HB 72 Clayton County; Board of Commissioners; provide salaries of chairperson and members**

Bill Summary: This bill provides for the salaries of the chairperson and members of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners. The chairperson shall receive an annual salary in the amount of \$180,000, in addition to an annual expense allowance of \$5,000 and a county automobile while on county business. The other four members of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$35,202 each, in addition to an annual expense allowance of \$3,000.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Rhonda Burnough (77th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Committee:</b>	Local		

### **HB 121 South Fulton, City of; change corporate boundaries**

Bill Summary: This bill changes the corporate boundaries of the city of South Fulton.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Roger Bruce (61st)	<b>Committee</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local		

### **HB 161 Jackson County; board of elections and registration; provide composition**

Bill Summary: This bill provides for the composition of the board of elections and registration in Jackson County.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Tommy Benton (31st)	<b>Committee</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Committee:</b>	Local		

### **HB 240 East Dublin, City of; new term for mayor pro tempore; provide**

Bill Summary: This bill provides a new term for the mayor pro tempore of the town of East Dublin.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Matt Hatchett (150th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local		

### **HB 272 Chamblee, City of; ad valorem tax; certain residents under 65 years of age; increase homestead exemption amount**

Bill Summary: This bill increases a city of Chamblee homestead exemption from \$30,000 to \$50,000 for those under the age of 65.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st)	<b>Committee</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local		

**HB 274 Catoosa County; school district ad valorem tax; residents 65 years of age or older; provide homestead exemption**

Bill Summary: This bill provides a \$40,000 Catoosa County school homestead exemption for those who are 65 and older and whose income does not exceed \$30,000.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Dewayne Hill (3rd)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass

**HB 291 Peachtree City, City of; creation of one or more community improvement districts; provide**

Bill Summary: This bill provides for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Peachtree City.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass

**HB 293 Fayetteville, City of; Public Facility Authority; create**

Bill Summary: This bill creates the city of Fayetteville Public Facilities Authority.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass

**HB 297 Monroe County; abolish office of elected county surveyor; provide appointment by governing authority**

Bill Summary: This bill abolishes the office of elected county surveyor of Monroe County.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Robert Dickey (140th)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass

**HB 304 Putnam County; Magistrate Court; revise number, manner of selection, and compensation of the judges**

Bill Summary: This bill revises the number, manner of selection, and compensation of the judges of the Putnam County Magistrate Court.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass

**HB 305 Sylvania, City of; levy an excise tax**

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the city of Sylvania to levy an excise tax.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Jon Burns (159th)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-21-2019 Do Pass

**HB 306 Screven County Industrial Development Authority; revise projects that the authority may undertake**

**Bill Summary:** This bill revises the projects the Screven County Industrial Development Authority may undertake.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jon Burns (159th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass

**HB 358 Morrow, City of; ad valorem tax for city purposes; provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum**

**Bill Summary:** This bill provides for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the city of Morrow governing authority should seek a reduction in the \$60,000 homestead exemption from city ad valorem taxes.

**Authored By:** Rep. Rhonda Burnough (77th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass

## Natural Resources & Environment Committee

**HB 220 Solid waste management; certain solid waste disposal surcharges; extend sunset date**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 220 extends sunset dates concerning the Solid Waste Trust Fund and Hazardous Waste Trust Fund. The sunset date for tire disposal surcharges within the Solid Waste Trust Fund is changed to July 1, 2020, and the sunset date for tire fee collections within the Solid Waste Trust Fund is changed to June 30, 2020. The sunset date for the collection of fees within the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund is changed to July 1, 2020.

**Authored By:** Rep. Terry Rogers (10th)  
**House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Ways & Means Committee

**HB 101 Ad valorem tax; all-terrain vehicles; revise definitions**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 101 amends multiple Code sections including 48-1-1, relating to definitions, by revising the definition of "all-terrain vehicle" to mean a motorized vehicle manufactured for off-highway use which is equipped with three or more non-highway tires, is 80 inches or less in width with a dry weight of 2,500 pounds or less, and is designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain.

The bill also amends 40-8-9.1, relating to marking and equipment of all-terrain vehicles used as law enforcement vehicles, and 48-5-504.40, relating to watercraft and all-terrain vehicles which are held in inventory for resale to be exempt from ad valorem taxation for a limited period of time, by revising the definition of 'all-terrain vehicle' to match the definition on 48-1-1.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jason Ridley (6th)  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 105 Income tax; certain income received by taxpayers as payments from a disaster relief or assistance program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture in connection with Hurricane Michael; exempt**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 105 amends 48-7-27, relating to the computation of taxable net income, by providing an income tax exemption for income received as payments from a disaster relief or assistance program. The payments must be connected with Hurricane Michael and administered by

the United States Department of Agriculture.

**Authored By:** Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 221 Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center; limit on indebtedness; increase**

Bill Summary: House Bill 221 increases the amount of bond debt the Georgia World Congress Center Authority may incur from \$400 million to \$500 million.

**Authored By:** Rep. Terry Rogers (10th)  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass

## Committee Meeting Schedule

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### Friday, February 22, 2019

8:00 AM	<a href="#">Regulated Industries Occupational/Professional Licensing Subcommittee</a>	606 CLOB
8:00 AM	<a href="#">Lumsden Subcommittee of Public Safety &amp; Homeland Security</a>	406 CLOB
8:00 AM	<a href="#">JUDICARY (NON-CIVIL)</a>	132 CAP
8:00 AM	<a href="#">SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE</a>	341 CAP
9:30 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 20)</a>	House Chamber
12:00 PM	<a href="#">JUDICARY (CIVIL)</a>	132 CAP
12:00 PM	<a href="#">CODE REVISION</a>	403 CAP
1:00 PM	<a href="#">Regulated Industries Low THC Oil Access Subcommittee</a>	406 CLOB